## ABSTRACT

The diagnosis of mycobacteria may be made by growing bacteria from clinical samples in a culture media. The culture medium enables rapid detection of mycobacterial growth by changing its color. It also differentiates mycobacterial growth from contamination by changing to a different color when other species of microorganisms grow. Different types of culture media may be obtained by adding antimicrobial drugs to either obtain a medium selective for mycobacteria or a medium for species differentiation or susceptibility testing of drugs.